

## FAMILY NEWS

This weekend, a group of wonderful adults and some of our young people (8 years and over) have gone to SPREE!! This is a Christian youth camp, so please let's all join together in praying for protection and God's presence to rest on the group and particularly that the young people may encounter the risen Lord Jesus, for themselves .

We are excited to have the opportunity to hear about and celebrate their experience during our family service next weekend on Sunday 30th June.

We thank you God for this wonderful opportunity, please Jesus go before those that are going but also bless and inspire those that are staying - so that as one we can all walk together in your guidance and power - following you Lord Jesus in faith. Amen.

Please pray this week for...

Judith, Simon, Alice, Thea and Victoria.

Kirstie Ricketts.

Thelma Bickford.

Jean Barnicoat.

Cherry Sutherland.

Lin and Brian Gray.

Jean Edwards.

Mike and Wendy Jeffs.

Elizabeth Billingham.

Julie and James Bright.

Matt Webster.

Anne Brown.

Eli Kirollos

Ted Robson

Andy and Lyn Lewis need prayers for their son

Anne and John Dawson.

Kim Ewins and family.

Daphne and David Lockett.

Alex Westwood (Lin's grandson)

Rita Price and her family.

Florence Barr as she recovers at home.

Margaret Harrison sends her love and wishes to thank everyone for all their prayers and thinking about her. She misses everyone very much and sends her love to all.

Gwen Eyre would like to express her thanks to all at PBC for their continued prayers. Her daughter Liz is recovering from surgery which went well. Gwen asks that you continue to lift the whole family up, especially Liz for complete healing. Thank you.

Thomas (Tina and Roy's son) for his mental and physical health.

Jack and Sylvia as their daughter Anne has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

Bette Lomas,wishes to thank everyone for their prayers over the past few weeks. She is back home now, but facing a long recovery. Please continue to pray for her and Paul during this difficult time.

Please continue to pray for... Peter Lawrence; Fred and Shirley Stapleton; Dot and Roy Bagnall; Ron Godfrey; John Stone; and Diane Radford, Nora Andrews.

All of these folk have long-standing medical issues and they really appreciate your ongoing prayers.

Let's pray too, for all those in care homes, as well as those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Your prayers are very precious to all of those on this list. Please don't get weary of lifting these people before our living, healing Lord.

*Father, you know the needs of all those who are named here as well as those who aren't. Please shelter them in the shadow of your wings and hear the cry of our heart for each of them. Amen*



**PRESTON**  
Baptist Church

Voice@PBC

23rd June 2024

**WELCOME and VISION**

**We are a Church at the heart of the community in Preston**

**Our Vision is ...**

- P Putting God first**
- B Being Christ's body together**
- C Compassion shared out to others**

You are welcome to worship with us in our service at 10.30am each Sunday morning. Our children and young people leave the service for their own sessions after the first 20 minutes or so. An unsupervised parent led creche is available for under 3s, currently being held in the church cafe due to the lounge being out of action. After the service children and young people can enjoy their own fellowship by joining in with games in the main hall (middle one) or quieter activities in the Doidge hall (top one). Please note that only the Doidge is supervised and we are unable to monitor children outside of this hall or ensure they remain there.

We share communion together on the first Sunday of each month.

If you would like to know more about us, please ask one of our stewards for a contact card and we will add you to our distribution list.

Jez will be leading our service this week reflecting on Isaiah 6:1-8 and the sermon is entitled 'Preparing to serve'.

Please speak to one of the team if there's a way we could help make our services more accessible to you or to help you feel more included.

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## BANK DETAILS

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### Dates and Events

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	- Prayer Meeting	- 10.30am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	- Mummy & Me	- 9.30 - 11.30am
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	- Garden Cafe	- 9.00am - 1.00pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	- Preston Food Club	- 10.00am - 1.00pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	- Small Group	- 7.00 - 8.30pm
Friday 28 <sup>st</sup> June	- PBC Toddlers and Babies	- 9.30 - 11.00am
Sunday 30 <sup>rd</sup> June	- Family service - Children and Youth led service	10.30am

### Future Dates and Events

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	- Trinity (faith discussion group)	- 7.00 – 8.15pm
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### Communion in July

Next month in July, there will be a change to our normal routine of having communion the first week of every month. Communion in July will be on the 21st, to fit with the focus of that weekend and the series that we are in. It will be back to normal in August on the 4th.

### SWBA Conference

You are invited to the South West Baptist Association (SWBA) Annual Celebration & AGM. Sunday 7th July 2024 at Upton Vale Baptist Church in Torquay. The celebration starts at 1pm with lunch, kindly provided by the Torbay Cluster, followed by the AGM which starts at 2pm. Glenda Chadwick-Down, SWBA's CYF Mission Enabler, will be organising fun and games for children and young people whilst the AGM is in progress.

If you would like more information about this event, please speak to Tina.

### Investing in God's kingdom at PBC

Back by popular demand, we are going to have another weekend where we focus on investing into what God is doing at PBC. Over the weekend of 20th and 21st of July our focus will be looking at investing what we can in prayer, practical help and financial giving.

Prayer - Please hold the church up in prayer over this time - for the Holy Spirit to fill our space, for protection and for God to speak and guide us in what God is leading us to.

Practical help - If you have any time across the weekend to help that would be much appreciated. We will update timings and how this will work in due course.

However, the practical help that we would most appreciate would be cleaning of the building and gardening/grounds maintenance around the church (with a particular focus on some gates that need maintenance and hedges that need trimming).

Financial giving - There is absolutely no pressure or expectation regarding financial giving to God's kingdom at PBC. However, people have requested the opportunity to have a special offering once a year - this will therefore be facilitated on Sunday 21st July during the morning service

### Paid gardening help required please

Roy and Dot Bagnall are looking to pay for a gardener to do one morning a week.

If you are interested or could recommend someone please get their details from the directory or speak to one of the leaders..



## Small groups

We have two separate new small groups starting at PBC. A Tuesday group and a Thursday group.

The plan -

To meet twice a month -

2nd and 4th Tuesday for the Tuesday group

2nd and 4th Thursday for the Thursday group

7-8.30pm at PBC for both groups

The aim is for the group to establish a relatively set group of people (so people can get to know each other and feel comfortable).

For the group to be a space that is -

Welcoming

Safe to be and to share

Encouraging

Positive

And fundamentally where we can all get closer to God in our faith journeys.

As these groups are new and also the summer holidays are approaching - the plan is to have 3 introductory sessions (1 a month) listed below

### **Tuesday Group**

18th June

9th July

27th August

### **Thursday Group**

27th June

18th July

29th August

And then start twice monthly from September on a regular pattern.

In these first three sessions we will discuss topics, style and how we all want them to run - and most importantly have fun!!

James will be a part of these groups for the first 3 sessions and then for an initial few months (or as short or long as people want) to support the groups development and then step back to support other groups/things (but will always be there to support if needed).

James is really excited for this new season of fellowship and faith and for what God has in store for us. 🙏

If you are interested in either the Tuesday or Thursday group and have not already spoken to James, please get in contact. All are welcome in the initial stages (before the groups become settled) however, it will be based on the first come first served basis as there will be a limit of 10 people per group. If you are unable to make any of the introductory sessions but would like to start from September that will be fine - please do let James know.

Lets all continue to pray for the faith journey and discipleship of us all at PBC

## CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Do you like to sing?

Do you love worshipping our amazing God?



We're keen to add more voices, especially male, to our worship team! If you're interested in joining the team, please speak to Louise or Tina or come along to a Worship Prep session at 7pm on any Wednesday. You can volunteer to be on a rota and sing every month or be on 'stand by' willing to fill in when someone is on holiday or unavailable. Or you may wish to sing just occasionally, once or twice a year? You don't have to be a diva or the next Alfie Boe - all we ask is that you have a heart for lifting your voice up in worship. Thank you .. Louise & Tina

## Prayer WhatsApp

As part of our commitment to prayer at PBC, we wanted to increase our prayer communication and potential for collective response.

Although Malcom and Yvonne Thorpe's emails have been a very helpful form of communication, James, Alison Baker and Malcom have been in communication about adding a WhatsApp group to reach others who find this form of communication easy to engage with.

Therefore, if you would like to be added to the PBC Prayer WhatsApp group, please contact Alison Baker or James .

## **Prayer...and pick?**

We believe prayer is a central and fundamental part of our faith and church life here at PBC.

Therefore, we are exploring different ways that we can create prayer groups, sessions and moments.

Some members in our church are considering the idea of a prayer and litter pick walk. If you are interested, please speak to Chloe Ansell-Baker, James or any of the leadership team.

## **SPREE**

Our Young people will be going to SPREE along with the adult volunteers on Friday 21st June.

Thank you so much for your generosity that has enabled this trip to happen! There are now a couple of extra people coming, so any more donations would be much appreciated.

Most importantly please pray for SPREE, for the organisers, for the children and for all involved to be open to the Holy Spirit and get closer to God.

The young people and others from Children's Church will be leading the service the week after they return (Sunday 30th June). So please don't miss that Sunday as it should be a great opportunity to hear God's work in their young lives.

## **Plants in Chancel Team Please**

We are looking to get together a team of people who can look into the idea of having plants in the chancel. The plan is to create a beautiful, healthy, theologically inspired, living and peaceful arrangement of indoor plants to make our chancel come alive and look lovely. Therefore, if you think you could be part of this team to work out what plants would be suitable and how this may look and be sustainable, please speak to anyone in the leadership team. Thank you.

## **Judith Cunday**

Since Judith's terminal cancer diagnosis, there has been a powerful outpouring of love and the desire to help and support Judith and family from you at PBC. So thank you!!

Therefore, in conversations with Judith and Simon we have decided that to best offer help and support without overwhelming them, we would nominate a coordinator from PBC as a point of contact to support with elements like - lifts to hospital appointments, practical help, prayer requests, financial support and any other support that you may like to offer.

Therefore, Linda Morris (as her PCT link already) will be the coordinator for supporting the Cunday's.

The communication and management of this support will predominantly be done on a WhatsApp group, however if you're not on WhatsApp, please feel free to email or call Linda.

She will be in regular contact with the family and then communicate needs via the What's app group and then coordinate any potential response/support that people at PBC might be able to offer, back to the Cunday's. Therefore, reducing the communication and organisational burden on Judith and Simon and attempting to enable this season to be as practically manageable for the family as possible, whilst offering the right help at the right time.

If you would like to be added to the WhatsApp group, please speak to James or Linda.

## Week of prayer, fasting, listening and petitioning

The leadership team felt it was really important to have another focused week of prayer, fasting, listening and petitioning God for all that's going on in our PBC church family.

Therefore starting on Monday 1st of July - Sunday 7th of July we will be having a week with the plan being to engage with - Prayer, Fasting, Listening and Petitioning God

We would love for you to feel like you can participate in any way that you feel led to or you feel able to.

Please feel free to allow God to speak and direct your focus in this time - however we might also suggest two areas of focus from a PBC perspective

1. Healing - with a particular focus on those suffering with ill health in our fellowship and outside.
2. Faith - those yet to know Jesus or on the early stages of a faith journey

We believe this is particularly pertinent with the increasing amount of ill health in the fellowship, but also with the positive connections we are seeing with those that might be on the journey to getting to know God.

We would like to end this week on Sunday 7th of July (as we start our new series on Know, Grow and Flow) with the encouragement for you to invite someone who is new to church or new to faith to come along on Sunday 7th of July for a welcoming and open service with the focus on meeting and getting to know Jesus.

## The Lounge

Thank you for your patience regarding the Lounge being out of action. After obtaining a variety of different quotes from companies to deal with the Dry Rot, we now have a specialist who will guarantee the work for 10 years at an affordable price. The work will commence on 24th June

## FEED A CHILD TORBAY

Last summer PBC Food Club supported Feed a Child Torbay. A wonderful group of our volunteers produced nutritious homecooked meals for local families to collect from us via a referral from local schools. Costero Lounge, the new cafe bar on Paignton seafront, are fundraising for Feed a Child Torbay throughout June this year. They are asking for donations of non-perishable food and plastic carrier bags. Why not enjoy a coffee in Costero Lounge and support this worthwhile charity with a donation? If you would like to know more about Feed A Child Torbay, please visit their website: <https://www.feedachildtorbay.org.uk>.

Every blessing, Tina x

## GILBERT & SULLIVAN - CURTAIN RAISERS

Daphne Lockett would like to invite you to the G&S Society's upcoming shows at The Little Theatre in Torquay. Performances of 'Trial by Jury' & 'The Zoo' will commence at **7.30 on 27-29 June 2024**.



Tickets may be obtained by calling the box office on 01803 299330. If you would like any more details please speak to Daphne.